# CITY COUNCIL REPORT



Meeting Date:

October 24, 2023

**General Plan Element:** 

**Public Services & Facilities** 

General Plan Goal:

Partner with other jurisdictions and agencies

#### **ACTION**

Adopt Resolution No. 12948 Accepting Proposition 202 grant funds from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and authorize:

- 1) Intergovernmental Agreement No. 2023-149-COS between the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the City of Scottsdale to accept \$1,117,090 in Proposition 202 Tribal Gaming funds.
- 2) A budget transfer in the amount of up to \$431,962 from the adopted FY 2023/24 Future Grants and/or Grant Contingency budget to newly created cost centers to record the grant activity.
- 3) A budget transfer in the amount of \$685,128 from the FY 2023/24 City Manager Division operating budget to newly created cost centers to record the grant activity.

#### **BACKGROUND**

In the 2002 State General Election, Arizona voters enacted Proposition 202, the 17-Tribe Indian Self-Reliance Initiative. Under tribal-state gaming compacts, Arizona tribes share a percentage of the tribe's annual gaming revenue with local school districts, state and local governments and other public entities to provide services that benefit the general public. The benefit to the general public includes public safety, mitigation of the impacts of gaming, or promotion of commerce or economic development. In addition to directly receiving funds, the City is asked to pass through funds to local non-profit organizations.

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community periodically solicits proposals from eligible local governments and community non-profit organizations. Awards are based on their evaluation of the submitted proposals.

On May 16, 2023, the Scottsdale City Council adopted Resolution No. 12826 authorizing the Government Relations Director or designee to submit Proposition 202 grant applications to local Indian tribes on behalf of city operated programs during the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

The Intergovernmental Agreement is in accordance with Proposition 202 and ARS 5-601, relating to distribution of a share of tribal gaming revenues for public benefit.

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### City Council Report | IGA with Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community to Accept Proposition 202 Funds

This is the 19th year that the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has approved grants to the city for programs. This year, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has approved grants to the city for the following purposes:

City of Scottsdale	\$300,000
Arizona Association of Foster and Adoptive Parents	\$15,000
Arizona Cancer Foundation for Children	\$75,000
Arizona Humane Society	\$75,000
Arizona Town Hall	\$15,000
Audubon Southwest	\$25,000
Care Fund	\$30,000
Family Promise	\$30,000
Feeding Matters	\$15,000
Gabriel's Angels	\$10,000
Hospice of the Valley	\$100,000
Lexie's Voice	\$27,090
Miracle League of Arizona	\$25,000
Ryan House	\$125,000
Scottsdale Arts	\$50,000
Scottsdale Training & Rehabilitation Services (STARS)	\$100,000
Veterans Medical Leadership Council	\$100,000
The total gaming grant distribution will be:	\$1,117,090

#### **ANALYSIS & ASSESSMENT**

The provisions of the Indian Gaming Compacts developed pursuant to Proposition 202 provide for an annual distribution of a portion of gaming revenues to local governments. Cooperative efforts between the city and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community provide benefits to Scottsdale area residents.

#### **RESOURCE IMPACTS**

#### **Available funding**

Funds in the amount of \$1,117,090 will be received from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Some of the funds will be passed through to organizations such as the Arizona Cancer Foundation for Children and Hospice of the Valley. A budget transfer in the amount of up to \$431,962 is requested from the adopted FY 2023/24 Grant Contingency and/or the Future Grants budget to newly created cost centers to record grant activity. The difference of \$685,128 was anticipated and is included in the City Manager Division's FY 2023/24 adopted budget. This action also requests this appropriation to be transferred to new cost centers to record the grant activity.

#### Staffing, Workload Impact

Impact to staffing and existing workload will be minimal. Funds received for the City of Scottsdale will supplement existing programs.

202 Funds	Indian Community to Accept Proposition
OPTIONS & STAFF RECOMMENDATION	
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RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENTS	
Government Relations Department, Community Services	Division
STAFF CONTACTS	
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William B. Murphy, Assistant City Manager BMurphy@ScottsdaleAZ.gov, (480) 312-7954	Date

## City Council Report | IGA with Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community to Accept Proposition 202 Funds

Ana Lia Johnson

10/9/23 16:35 MST

Ana Lia Johnson, Acting Budget Director
(For Financial Policies Compliance and Budget Appropriation)

AnJohnson@ScottsdaleAZ.gov, (480) 312-7893

Date

Jim Thompson

10/9/23 17:13 MST

Jim Thompson, City Manager
JThompson@ScottsdaleAZ.gov, (480) 312-2811

Date

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. Resolution No. 12948
- 2. Contract No. 2023-149-COS
- 3. City of Scottsdale Project Narratives List

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 12948**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 2023-149-COS WITH THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY RELATING TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF INDIAN GAMING REVENUES.

WHEREAS, the Indian Gaming Preservation and Self-Reliance Act (Proposition 202), requires that tribes distribute a percentage of their annual gaming revenues to cities, towns and counties and the City of Scottsdale has requested that the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community convey to the City a portion of its annual local revenue-sharing contribution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Scottsdale, as follows:

Section 1. The City Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City of Scottsdale, Intergovernmental Agreement No. 2023-149-COS, with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, in the total amount of \$1,117,090 for the support of educational, conservation, recreational, health and human services programs; the promotion of commerce and economic development; and other programs and activities benefiting the general public.

<u>Section 2</u>. The City Council authorizes a budget transfer of up to \$431,962 from the adopted FY 2023/24 Future Grants and/or Grant Contingency budget to newly created cost centers to record the grant activity.

<u>Section 3</u>. The City Council authorizes a budget transfer of up to \$685,128 from the adopted FY 2023/24 City Manager Division operating budget to newly created cost centers to record the grant activity.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Scottsdale this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE an

ATTEST:	Arizona municipal corporation
Don Long	David D. Ortega
Ben Lane City Clerk	Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Sherry R. Scott, City Attorney

By: Luis E. Santaella, Deputy City Attorney

# INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY AND THE CITY OF SCOTTSDALE

This Intergovernmental Agreement ("Agreement) is entered into by and between the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC"), a Federally-Recognized Indian Tribe, and the City of Scottsdale ("Scottsdale" or "City of Scottsdale"), an Arizona municipal corporation, pursuant to Section 12 Payment of Regulatory Costs; Tribal Contributions ("Section 12") of the SRPMIC and State of Arizona Gaming Compact 2002 ("Compact"), as Amended and Restated in 2021, and Article VII, § 1(h) of the SRPMIC Constitution and A.R.S. §5-601.02.

#### **RECITALS**

- 1. The SRPMIC and the City of Scottsdale may enter into an agreement with one another for the distribution of a portion of 12% of the SRPMIC annual contribution ("Contribution") under Section 12 of the Compact to cities, towns, or counties that benefit the general public or promote commerce and economic development pursuant to A.R.S. §5-601.02.
- 2. The SRPMIC is authorized by Article VII, Section 1(h) of the Constitution of SRPMIC to consult, negotiate, contract and conclude and perform agreements with Federal, state, local governments and Indian Tribes, as well as any person, association, partnership, corporation, government or other private entity.
- 3. The City of Scottsdale is authorized by A.R.S. § 11-951 through § 11-954, and the City of Scottsdale Charter, to enter into intergovernmental agreements with other governmental agencies including Indian Tribes.
- 4. The SRPMIC desires to convey to the City of Scottsdale a portion of its annual 12% local revenue-sharing contribution ("Contribution") required to be paid to local governments.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals, which are incorporated herein, and the covenants and promises set forth below, the SRPMIC and the City of Scottsdale hereby mutually agree as follows:

#### **AGREEMENT**

1. Purpose. The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth the rights and responsibilities of the parties with respect to the payment and distribution of the Contribution(s), as hereinafter defined.

#### 2. Contributions:

\$ 75,000.00 to Arizona Humane Society for the support of wrap around services to keep pets and people together such as the Pet Resource Center, Veterinary Assistance Fund, and project home-away-from home. \$ 25,000.00 to the Miracle League of Arizona for the "Adaptive Baseball: program. The goal is to provide a safe, fun, and successful baseball experience for individuals with special needs. \$ 15,000.00 to the Arizona Town Hall to support "Optimizing Democracy for Arizona Voters" programming to research topics and present forums throughout the state to seek recommendations. \$ 30,000.00 to Family Promise to support the Emergency Shelter Program. The organization has five sites across the valley including two in Scottsdale. \$100,000.00 to Veterans Medical Leadership Council for the "Returning Warriors" program. The program works with the VA to provide emergency financial assistance for rent, utilities, transportation, food, and other critical needs. \$300,000.00 to the City of Scottsdale for four governmental programs. to the Hospice of the Valley (HOV) to support the "Healing from \$100,000.00 Loss" project to expand community access to no-cost grief education and resources for individuals grieving the death of a loved one not on hospice. \$ 30,000.00 to the Care Fund for its Mortgage and Rent Assistance Program. Funding will be used to keep families in their homes who are experiencing extended health crises. to the Ryan House for the "Sponsor A Stay" Program that will \$125,000.00 support 125 sponsored, free-of-charge 24-hour respite for children between birth and 17 who have a life threatening or terminal illness. to Scottsdale Arts for their "Enhancing Learning through the \$ 50,000.00 Arts" program.

- \$100,000.00 to the **Scottsdale Training & Rehabilitation Services (STARS)** for their Competitive Integrated Employment programming to increase the capacity to provide tools and training for employment opportunity.
- \$ 15,000.00 to **Feeding Matters** for enhancing PFD education and support through the development of online tools.
- \$ 75,000.00 to the **Arizona Cancer Foundation for Children** to provide social, emotional, and financial support to primarily low-income families and their children who have cancer.
- \$ 15,000.00 to the Arizona Association of Foster and Adoptive Parents for programming in two areas; Children's Basic Needs and Family Connections.
- \$ 10,000.00 to **Gabriel's Angels-Pets Helping Kids** for support of the pet therapy program to train therapy teams to work with vulnerable children.
- \$ 27,090.00 to Lexie's Voice to support afterschool programming for teens/youth at the Club treehouse.
- \$ 25,000.00 to **Audubon Southwest** to support the community nature education program for children and families.

Total Disbursement: \$1,117,090.00

#### 3. Payment and Use of Funds.

- a. Use of Funds for Purposes Other Than to Fulfill Agreement and Funding Agreement. The City of Scottsdale shall use the Contribution only for the express purpose contained herein.
- b. <u>Inspection and Audit.</u> To ensure compliance with this Agreement, the SRPMIC hereby reserves the right to inspect any and all records maintained by the City of Scottsdale with respect to this transaction upon seven (7) days prior, written notice to the City of Scottsdale. The City of Scottsdale shall allow the SRPMIC reasonable access to the records pertaining thereto. This section shall survive termination, cancellation, or revocations, whether whole or in part, of this Agreement for a period of one (1) year following the date of such termination, cancellation, or revocation.

#### 4. Management of the Project.

- a. <u>Disbursing Contributions and Recordkeeping</u>. The City of Scottsdale shall have responsibility for disbursing the Contributions to the recipients in amounts consistent with this Agreement. Within a reasonable time, following receipt of the Contributions from the SRPMIC, the City of Scottsdale shall distribute the Contributions in accordance with applicable City of Scottsdale policies and procedures governing the disbursement of funds. The City of Scottsdale shall keep and maintain records relating to the disbursements and this Agreement.
- b. Responsibilities of City of Scottsdale Following Disbursement of Contributions. The parties agree that the City of Scottsdale is merely acting as a conduit for distribution of funds to the recipients that are not departments, agencies, or offices of the City of Scottsdale ("non-City recipients"). Upon distribution of the Contributions to the non-City recipients as specified in Section 2 of this Agreement, the City of Scottsdale shall have no further responsibility to the SRPMIC with respect to such funds or the use thereof by the non-City recipients.

Therefore, upon the City of Scottsdale's payment of the Contributions to the non-City recipients as provided in Section 2, the SRPMIC shall release the City of Scottsdale from any and all claims, demands, debts, liabilities, or obligations that may arise in the event that the non-City recipients fail for any reason to expend the Contributions in accordance with Section 2. The SRPMIC further agrees that the City of Scottsdale shall have no obligation to reimburse the SRPMIC the amount of the Contributions for any reason after the City of Scottsdale disburses the Contributions to the non-City recipients and that the SRPMIC shall look solely to the non-City recipients for repayment of the Contributions in the event the Contributions are not used for the intended purposes.

5. Notices. Any notice, communication or modification shall be given in writing and shall be given by registered or certified mail or in person to the following individuals. The date of receipt of such notices shall be the date the notice shall be deemed to have been given.

#### For the SRPMIC:

Martin Harvier, President Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community 10005 E. Osborn Road Scottsdale, Arizona 85256

#### For the City of Scottsdale:

Marci Sanders, Government Relations Coordinator City of Scottsdale 3939 Drinkwater Boulevard Scottsdale, Arizona 85251

6. Transactional Conflict of Interest. All parties hereto acknowledge that this Agreement is subject to cancellation by the City of Scottsdale pursuant to the provisions of Section 38-511, Arizona Revised Statutes.

#### 7. Term and Termination of Agreement.

- a. <u>Effective Date</u>. This Agreement shall be effective on the date it is signed by the SRPMIC authorized representative.
- b. <u>Term.</u> This Agreement shall commence upon the Effective Date and shall terminate when the Contribution has been received and fully disbursed by the City of Scottsdale, as specified in Section 2 of this Agreement.
- c. Termination. The SRPMIC may terminate this Agreement with or without cause at any time by providing the City of Scottsdale five (5) days advance notice in writing. In the event the SRPMIC terminates this Agreement after the City of Scottsdale receives the Contribution but before the City of Scottsdale has disbursed the Contribution to the recipients, the SRPMIC shall include in the notice of termination specific instructions regarding disposition of the Contributions. If the contributions have already been disbursed, the City of Scottsdale is not responsible nor required to attempt to recover such contributions from non-City entities. Upon termination of this Agreement pursuant to this subsection, the City of Scottsdale is not required to return any portion of contributions to the SRPMIC that already have been expended by the City of Scottsdale and need only return those portions of contributions that have not been expended at the time notice of termination is received.

#### 8. Indemnification.

a. <u>Indemnification</u>. Each party (as "Indemnitor") shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the other party (as "Indemnitee"), its elected officials, governing body, officers, departments, employees, volunteers and agents from and against any and all suits, actions, legal or administrative proceedings, claims, demands, liens, losses, fines or penalties, damages, liability, interest, attorneys, consultants and accountant fees or costs and expenses of whatsoever kind and nature (collectively referred to as "Claims"), but only to the extent that such Claims which result in vicarious/derivative liability to the Indemnitee resulting from or arising

- out of the negligence or willful misconduct of the Indemnitor's employees or agents in performing the duties set forth in this Agreement.
- b. Severability. This section shall survive termination, cancellation, or revocation whether whole or in part, of this Agreement for a period of one (1) year from the date of such termination, cancellation or revocation unless a timely claim is filed under A.R.S. § 12-821.01, in which case this paragraph shall remain in effect for each claim and/or lawsuit filed thereafter, but in no event shall this paragraph survive more than five (5) years from the date of termination, cancellation or revocation of this Agreement.

#### 9. Interpretation of Agreement.

- a. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties pertaining to the subject matter contained herein, and all prior or contemporaneous agreements and understandings, oral or written, are hereby superseded and merged herein.
- **b.** Amendment. This Agreement shall not be modified, amended, altered, or changed except by written agreement signed by both parties.
- c. <u>Construction and Interpretation</u>. All provisions of this Agreement shall be construed to be consistent with the intention of the parties as expressed in the recitals contained herein.
- d. Relationship of the Parties. Neither party shall be deemed to be an employee or agent of the other party to this Agreement.
- e. Days. Days shall mean calendar days.
- f. Severability. In the event that any provisions of this Agreement or the application thereof is declared invalid or void by statute or judicial decision, such action shall have no effect on other provisions and their application which can be given effect without the invalid or void provision or application, and to this extent the provisions of the Agreement are severable. In the event that any provision of this Agreement is declared invalid or void, the parties agree to meet promptly upon request of the other party in an attempt to reach an agreement on a substitute provision.
- 10. Non-Waiver of Sovereign Immunity. Nothing in this Intergovernmental Agreement shall be construed to waive the Sovereign Immunity of the SRPMIC.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Scottsdale has caused this Intergovernmental Agreement to be approved by the City of Scottsdale Council, executed by its Mayor and attested to by its City Clerk, pursuant to the above stated powers and authority, and the SRPMIC has caused this Intergovernmental Agreement to be executed by the SRPMIC Council and attested to by its President.

This Agreement is effective upon signature of a duly appointed representative of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement.

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY A Federally Recognized Indian Tribe:	CITY OF SCOTTSDALE, an Arizona Municipal Corporation
By:	Ву:
Name: Martin Harvier	Name: David D. Ortega
Its: President	Its: Mayor
Date:	Date:
	ATTEST:
	Ben Lane
	City Clerk

#### APPROVAL OF SPRMIC ATTORNEY

The undersigned attorney acknowledges that s/he has reviewed the above Agreement on behalf of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and has determined that this Agreement is in proper form and that execution hereof is within the powers and authority granted under the Constitution of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Article VII, §1(h). This acknowledgement shall not constitute nor be construed as a waiver of the Sovereign Immunity of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

General Counsel	Date

#### APPROVAL OF CITY ATTORNEY

In accordance with the requirements of A.R.S. § 11-952(D), the undersigned attorney acknowledges that (i) s/he has reviewed the above Agreement on behalf of the City of Scottsdale and (ii) as to the City of Scottsdale only, has determined that this Agreement is in proper form and that execution hereof is within the powers and authority granted under the laws of the State of Arizona.

City Attorne

Date

## SRP-MIC Tribal Gaming Grant Project Narratives City of Scottsdale FY2024

The City's *Culture, Lifelong Learning, Development Disabilities and Nature* initiative is comprised of multiple programs, all of which are designed to provide citizens with educational and recreational support.

#### • Mayor's Youth Council

The Scottsdale Mayor's Youth Council (SMYC) provides Scottsdale high school youth the opportunity to learn about how local government works and how services are provided. The appointed members tour various city facilities and meet with key city staff and officials. They participate in various meetings and/or volunteer events throughout the school year, including events such as Adopt-a-Family, Adopt-a-Senior, and Adopt-a-Road clean ups. They participate in Veterans Day and Parada Del Sol activities, along with valley wide diversity and leadership events such as the Unity Walk and Arizona League of Cities and Towns conference. They are encouraged to share their ideas about local government and local issues with the Mayor, Mayor's staff, and City Council members. Members are required to attend meetings bi-monthly and must be attending a City of Scottsdale High School in 10th through 12th grade.

#### • Baby Cuddles Reading

Baby Cuddles is a signature story time at the Scottsdale Public Library. This story time, which focuses on infants 0-24 months, is an interactive program that models quality interactions around literacy to support healthy brain development. Part of the program includes a "lap sit" story where each child/parent duo receives a copy of the book that the program leader is reading aloud for use during the story time. This allows the child and parent to follow along with the story while the child sits comfortably on their parent/caregiver's lap allowing for a safe, secure bonding experience during the read aloud. The funds will replenish the program's inventory of reading materials.

#### Kindergarten Readiness

There are a number of children who, for a variety of reasons, are unable to attend pre-school. As a result, they are not exposed to the social interaction and learning opportunities that pre-school provides. The Family Resource Center wishes to implement a program that would offer an alternative to regular pre-school. Caregivers and children would attend these sessions together. The sessions would focus on developing the basic skills children need as they enter kindergarten. The funding would be used to acquire the books and supplies needed to launch the program.

The City's **Assist Low Income Residents** initiative is comprised of multiple programs, all of which are designed to provide service and support to segments of our community that would otherwise be left without basic necessities.

#### Rent and Utility Assistance

This proposed program would create a pool of funds from which we could assist the income disadvantaged. The current economic climate has left many in a precarious financial position. Last year we were able to distribute \$4,115,229, the majority of which was provided by Maricopa County. The county has severely curtailed funding for the fiscal year 2023/24, and our assistance centers are being inundated with

requests for help. Increasingly, we are dealing with individuals who are having trouble making their monthly rent. They face the specter of being evicted with nowhere to go. The funds will eliminate immediate rental concerns and provide our team of social workers time to help identify a more permanent solution.

#### Support for Non-Profits

Each year, our Human Services Commission sifts through a number of requests for funding from worthy non-profit organizations. The commission evaluates each applicant and after a thorough vetting process awards funding. This process ensures that our citizens have a voice in supporting our community.

#### Homeless Day Relief

• These funds will enable us to provide short to mid-term housing for individuals and/or families experiencing homelessness. The funds will also provide provisions for the day relief centers in Scottsdale including water, toiletries, blankets, pillows, etc. These day-relief centers are critical, particularly in days of extreme weather.

#### • Employment Assistance

The City's Employment Assistance Program is a collaboration with Maricopa County which provides individuals with the assistance, guidance, training, and funding needed to successfully obtain employment. Located at our Vista del Camino community center, activities include instruction on resume preparation and job interviewing skills. Economic support could include acquisition of employer required uniforms, work tools, payment for specific licenses, purchase of suitable interview attire, payment for temporary childcare, and transportation to and from interview opportunities. Finally, we provide educational opportunities such as budgeting and money management courses.

#### Other Programs

This funding will support additional initiatives such as buying new backpacks and clothing for our *Back-to-School* program, which served 918 children at our July 2023 event. It will provide short term *Portable AC Units* to individuals/families in immediate need, support seniors with *Moving Assistance*, help income-qualified families restore their homes to meet building codes through our *Green Program*, and aid in the payment of *Security Deposits* for individuals who qualify for the federal Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program.

The City's **Healthy Bodies & Minds** initiative is comprised of multiple programs, all of which are designed to provide service and support to segments of our community that would otherwise be left without critical mental health care or recreational opportunities.

#### Wellness for Seniors via Congregate Meals

The City plans to implement a Congregate Meal program that is designed to positively impact the overall physical and mental wellbeing of the participants. We will work with a healthcare partner to assess the baseline health of the participants at the start of the program and conduct periodic checks to determine if the program is having any measurable impact. Meals will be served in both Senior Centers: Granite Reef and Via Linda.

#### Dental Assistance for Seniors

The goal of the Dental Assistance program is to provide seniors with the dental services they require but cannot otherwise obtain, either due to a lack of insurance or service costs that prove to be prohibitive. In some cases, a senior cannot get medical treatment or surgery until a dental problem has been resolved. These funds allow us to provide qualified seniors with vouchers that can be taken to a list of pre-

approved dentists.

#### Swim Equipment

The summer heat has put a significant strain on our aquatics operations. Learn to Swim programs have waiting lists and our pools have been filled to the brim with people trying to escape the heat. Operating at maximum capacity has exposed our need for more equipment, particularly lifeguard rescue supplies such as tubes and backboards.

#### • Special Olympics Supplies

Our Special Olympics programs were devasted in the wake of COVID-19. The Adapted Services group has brought our Special Olympics programs back; we currently have 102 participants, and the number continues to grow. These funds will provide shirts, team uniforms, and some equipment.

The City's **Promote Healthy Nutrition** initiative is comprised of multiple programs, all of which are designed to provide nutritious meals and snacks to segments of our community that would otherwise be left without and often going hungry as a result.

#### Home-Delivered Meals

The goal of the Home-Delivered Meals program is to ensure that home-bound older adults get to enjoy at least one healthful, filling meal per day. Meals are delivered each and every weekday, every week of the year. On Fridays, 2 meals are delivered to ensure the recipient has an extra meal for over the weekend. Thus far, through the first 9 months of the current fiscal year (July 1 – March 31), the program has delivered 30,203 meals.

#### Healthy Snacks for Afterschool Programs

When students arrive at our afterschool programs, they have not eaten anything since lunchtime. They arrive hungry. By providing healthy snack options we address the immediate hunger issues. In turn, the students are then calmer and better focused as they interact with one another, complete homework assignments, etc.

#### Brown Bags

The goal of the Brown Bags program is to ensure that older adults, many of them lacking mobility and therefore not always able to shop for groceries, receive a biweekly supply of food items including fresh bread and vegetables. Every other Thursday morning, City of Scottsdale Human Services employees receive palettes of food from the Valley View Food Bank at our Granite Reef Senior Center. A contingent of employees and volunteers then pack, and in many instances, homedeliver the bags. It is an enormous undertaking. Through the first 9 months of this fiscal year (July 1 – March 31) the program has distributed 59,285 pounds (almost 30 tons!) of brown bag groceries.

#### Food Bank

The goal of the Food Bank program is to ensure that the City has a well-stocked source of non-perishable provisions to assist vulnerable residents in need of basic food items. We maintain this stock, or food bank, so that we can, at a moment's notice, provide individuals or families with much of the food they so desperately need. The food bank is run co-operatively with CCCH, a community based nonprofit organization and, as such, is largely dependent upon donations. There are times when the food supply levels fall below minimally acceptable levels. This is true not only for food, but also for paper products (i.e., toilet tissue, napkins, etc.) and personal toiletries such as toothbrushes, shampoo, bar soap, etc. Also, since so

many residents leave the valley during the summer, donations decrease, and the food bank levels become depleted. This is particularly true when many low-income children are home from school, increasing food bank requests by families, as well as seniors experiencing high summer utility bills. Through the first 9 months of this fiscal year (July 1 – March 31) the Food Bank has distributed 172,750 pounds (86+ tons!).